

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:  
a support frame; and  
5 a support panel mounted within the support frame, wherein the support frame includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in an external surface thereof thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the channel of the support frame.
- 10 2. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support frame is an extrusion.
3. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support frame includes at least one channel formed on each external surface of the frame.
- 15 4. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a fastening means for attaching accessory parts to the support frame.
5. The apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein the fastening means  
20 comprises a spring nut and bolt arrangement.
6. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein an interior surface of the support frame includes means for mounting the support panel within the support frame.
- 25 7. The apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the mounting means comprises an interior lip for supporting the support panel.

8. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising at least two spaced apart support frames connected by elongated members to form a cavity box wherein the elongated members are attached to the support frames by fastening means provided in the at least one channel of the support frame.

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9. The apparatus as defined in claim 8, further comprising at least one panel member mounted to an exterior of said cavity box.

10. The apparatus as defined in claim 8, further comprising at least one further support frame mounted within the cavity box for mounting a fragile article thereon.

11. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising means for mounting the support frame to a wall.

12. The apparatus as defined in claim 11, further comprising a substantially transparent panel mounted to the support frame to create a display case.

13. The apparatus as defined in claim 12, further comprising a gasket provided between the substantially transparent panel and the support frame.

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14. The apparatus as defined in claim 12, further comprising an enclosure frame secured to the at least one channel of the support frame.

15. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising pipe/tube supports mounted to the at least one channel of the support frame.

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16. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support frame includes a channel on each of the front and back surface thereof and further comprising front and back panels secured to the channels in the support frames to create an enclosure.

17. The apparatus as defined in claim 16, further comprising means for controlling a humidity within the enclosure.